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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR DR. CHESTER W. CLARK, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO  
THE AMBASSADOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REFS: A. STATE 216353

B. TAIPEI 5871

1. SINCE REF B WAS NOT NOTED OR REFERENCED IN REF A, MY MOST RECENT  
REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TO DR. CLARK APPARENTLY  
WAS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. DURING THE TIME I HAVE BEEN HERE, I HAVE NOTED THE INCREASING  
FREQUENCY WITH WHICH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-RELATED MATTERS FORM  
A PART OF THE EMBASSY'S DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS. WHERE THEY INVOLVE  
SIGNIFICANT U.S. INTEREST AND OBJECTIVES, THESE WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH MUST BE HANDLED BY MY STAFF.  
THE PRESENCE OF A QUALIFIED SCIENCE OFFICER HAVING A WIDE  
ACQUAINTANCE WITH SEVERAL DISCIPLINES WITHIN SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE MATTERS IN A  
TIMELY AND SATISFACTORY MANNER.

3. IN ADDITION TO AREAS OF DIRECT DEPARTMENT INTEREST, E.G.  
NUCLEAR, TYPHOON CONTROL, NUMEROUS OTHER AGENCIES, GOVERNMENTAL  
AND NONGOVERNMENTAL, PLACE REQUIREMENTS ON THIS OFFICE. AMONG THE  
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ARE NSF, NAS, SMITHSONIAN, USGS, NRC, ERDA,  
NASA AND NOAA. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE ROC SCIENCE-  
RELATED AGENCIES WILL CONTINUE TO COME TO US.

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4. SINCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE HERE AND  
WORKING WELL, IT WOULD APPEAR MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TO  
INITIATE REGIONAL OPERATIONS FROM HERE; IF THAT IS THE ROUTE TO  
BE TAKEN, I SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER TRYING OUT THE REGIONAL CONCEPT

FROM HERE ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR A YEAR.

5. SINCE DR. O'CONNELL, WHOM I HAVE ASKED TO BE ASSIGNED HERE, HAS ALREADY HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING NSF PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA ON A REGIONAL BASIS, HE WOULD HAVE A BETTER-THAN-AVERAGE CHANCE OF MAKING A REGIONAL PROGRAM WORK.

6. IF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL OFFICE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE THEN I WOULD AGAIN ASK FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL REF B. THIS WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED EFFECTIVE HANDLING OF SCIENTIFIC AND RELATED BUSINESS HERE AT LEAST OVER COMING YEAR WITH POSSIBILITY, IF DEPARTMENT SO DETERMINES, THAT SCI ADV OPERATION WOULD BE PHASED OUT OVER THAT YEAR, ADEQUATE PROVISION BEING MADE MEANWHILE FOR OTHER OFFICERS TO PICK UP ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS.  
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